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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN STOPS OVER IN KUALA LUMPUR

BETWEEN VISITS TO EUROPE/TRIPOLI AND SRV/LAOS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2839 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN RETURNED TO KUALA LUMPUR
MAY 19 AFTER AN 18-DAY TRIP TO POLAND, RUMANIA, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND AND

LIBYA (TO ATTEND THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE). WE WILL
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LEAVE MAY 22 FOR THREE-DAY VISITS EACH TO HANOI AND VIENTIANE.

2. A LOCAL PRESS REPORT SOURCED IN TRIPOLI SAID THAT RITHAUDDEEN HAD
URGED HIS FELLOW FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLE-

MENT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THE MUSLIM REBELS, SAYING
THAT THEY HAD A DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THE CONFERENCE REMAINED THE MOST

EFFECTIVE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THE PROBLEM COULD BE PEACEFULLY RESOLVED.

3. ACCORDING TO GOM STATEMENTS, THE VISITS TO HANOI AND VIENTIANE ARE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND VIETNAM AND LAOS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE MFA THAT THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANYTHING SPECTACULAR TO RESULT FROM THE VISITS. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE MAINLY ECONOMIC, AND ASEAN AND THE ZONE OF PEACE FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY WILL NOT BE MENTIONED, PRESUMABLY TO AVOID DISCORD. ONE MFA OFFICER NOTED THAT IN HANOI THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE "COMMITMENT" MADE BY THE GOM DURING VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR LAST SUMMER TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SRV. IN THIS CONNECTION, AN OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WILL ACCOMPANY THE PARTY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE WITH RUBBER AND PALM OIL. DESPITE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE MALAYSIAN CHARGE IN VIENTIANE, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT AN AMBASSADOR TO LAOS WILL BE NAMED AND THE LAO ARE NOT EXPECTED TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN K.L. IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT, THOUGH, THE GOM PRESS SERVICE BERNAMA REPORTED MAY 19 THAT THE SRV HAD NAMED VU BACH MAI AS ITS FIRST AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA. HE IS PRESENTLY A DEPUTY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT AT THE SRV FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE WERE TOLD THAT THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT.

4. RITHAUDDEEN'S PARTY WILL CONSIST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL DATUK ZAKARIA ALI, MFA UNDERSECRETARY II AHMAD KAMIL JAAAFAR, MFA PRINCIPLE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDOCHINA GHAZALI

BIN CHE WAN AND THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES OFFICIAL.
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5. COMMENT. WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY SURPRISES FROM THE VISITS TO HANOI AND VIENTIANE. THE GOM IS CONTINUING ITS POLICY OF SEEKING ACCOMMODATION WITH VIETNAM AND WILL RESPECT THE SRV'S WISHES THAT RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES BE CARRIED OUT ON A STRICTLY BILATERAL BASIS.

MALAYSIA REMAINS SKEPTICAL OF HANOI'S INTENTIONS, HOWEVER, AND AID DISCUSSIONS WILL REMAIN LIMITED TO THE KINDS OF AGRICULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS WHICH K.L. THINKS WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SRV'S ABILITIES TO MAKE MISCHIEF IN THE REGION.
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